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HEADLINE: Longtime Friend Helped Capture Fugitive Ex- CIA Agent

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A longtime friend of former CIA agent Edwin P. Wilson said Wednesday he assisted in Wilson's capture partly in the hope that the man accused of aiding Libyan terrorism could "redeem" himself by helping the U.S. government.

Ernest R. Keiser, a Northern Virginia businessman, said through his lawyer that he worked with the Justice Department in luring Wilson from his haven in Libya to the Dominican Republic, where Wilson was denied entry June 15 and put on a plane to New York City.

Wilson, 53, was arrested on reaching New York and is being held in lieu of \$20 million bond at an undisclosed location in the Washington area.

The 20-year CIA veteran was indicted in 1980 on charges of illegally supplying Libya with explosives, training terrorists and conspiring to assassinate a Libyan dissident.

Keiser's lawyer, Eugene M. Propper, said Keiser "had two purposes in mind" when he agreed to help the Justice Department.

First, Keiser "didn't like what Wilson had done" in aiding the radical government of Libyan strongman Moammar Khadafy and, second, "he thought that Wilson had information that could be of assistance to the United States," Propper said.

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